

Table 53.
Outcomes at all adjudicative levels, by age and year of application, 1992–2001

Year	Total	Pending final decision	Technical denials ^a	Medical decisions				Award rate ^b (percent)	Allowance rate ^c (percent)
				Denials		Allowances			
				Medical	Subsequent nonmedical ^d	Awards	Subsequent denials ^e		
All ages ^f									
1992	1,828,951	0	134,438	741,839	1,556	860,875	90,243	47.1	56.1
1993	2,048,945	0	141,214	937,890	1,600	878,798	89,443	42.9	50.8
1994	2,014,499	0	123,175	1,041,697	1,680	770,639	77,308	38.3	44.8
1995	1,845,212	3,041	103,335	992,633	1,342	683,362	61,499	37.1	42.8
1996	1,786,770	3,891	113,027	935,566	1,884	670,849	61,553	37.6	43.9
1997	1,505,145	5,539	97,320	735,227	2,071	604,249	60,739	40.3	47.4
1998	1,520,538	10,185	95,990	694,917	3,825	652,774	62,847	43.2	50.6
1999	1,528,217	22,194	105,819	675,264	3,995	656,481	64,464	43.6	51.5
2000	1,611,657	77,954	157,501	658,186	3,457	651,929	62,630	42.5	51.9
2001	1,723,546	211,951	204,932	656,622	2,729	593,023	54,289	39.2	49.5
Under age 18									
1992	376,812	0	16,695	148,221	103	204,083	7,710	54.2	58.8
1993	500,676	0	18,788	240,672	135	232,340	8,741	46.4	50.0
1994	530,538	0	16,897	311,156	147	194,636	7,702	36.7	39.4
1995	491,638	244	14,364	306,082	92	163,868	6,988	33.3	35.8
1996	457,057	294	13,532	291,029	86	144,612	7,504	31.7	34.3
1997	334,975	333	10,906	195,487	69	121,349	6,831	36.3	39.6
1998	338,592	696	10,904	182,076	74	137,477	7,365	40.7	44.3
1999	345,067	1,776	11,898	181,155	68	142,356	7,814	41.5	45.3
2000	355,401	7,803	15,895	174,763	59	149,204	7,677	42.9	47.3
2001	370,789	21,754	18,909	167,041	52	155,363	7,670	44.5	49.4
Aged 18–64									
1992	1,451,417	0	117,675	593,455	1,451	656,374	82,462	45.2	55.4
1993	1,547,527	0	122,364	697,063	1,463	646,027	80,610	41.7	51.0
1994	1,482,503	0	106,181	730,173	1,528	575,184	69,437	38.8	46.8
1995	1,351,903	2,793	88,839	686,106	1,243	518,581	54,341	38.4	45.5
1996	1,277,604	3,593	87,869	643,896	1,532	487,222	53,492	38.2	45.6
1997	1,135,602	5,192	78,303	538,659	1,453	459,126	52,869	40.6	48.7
1998	1,133,015	9,478	76,709	510,788	1,855	480,285	53,900	42.7	51.0
1999	1,133,722	20,394	83,733	492,792	1,534	479,784	55,485	43.1	52.0
2000	1,207,614	70,062	128,651	482,435	1,137	471,304	54,025	41.4	52.1
2001	1,302,200	189,871	168,685	488,795	750	408,307	45,792	36.7	48.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2002. Data for the hearing level or above are current through July 2002.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time. Cases can be pending at the initial or appellate levels and can include either medical or technical issues.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

a. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons so no decision was made on severity of impairment.

b. Rate determined by dividing awards by all applications minus pending claims for that year.

c. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

d. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that applicant did not meet the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.

e. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that applicant met the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.

f. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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